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## FIRE RAZES THREE VILLAGES

### 5,000 Homeless As 1,000 Squatters' Huts Burned

### BABY BURNT TO DEATH

Fire of unknown origin razed within 30 minutes some 1,000 squatters' huts in three villages off Castle Peak Road at mid-day yesterday and deprived more than 5,000 people of their homes and personal effects.

### Plane Survives Forced Landing On Mountain

An Air Carriers plane, a DC-3, made a forced landing on a mountain 7,000 feet high while en route from Hong Kong to Kowloon on Sunday but the pilot managed to take off again and reached his destination safely. It was reported yesterday.

### Stewart's Attackers Charged

Singapore, December 5. Two Malay youths were today charged before a Magistrate at Sibu, Sarawak, with the attempted murder of the Governor of Sarawak, Mr. Duncan George Stewart, who was stabbed while visiting Sibu on Saturday.

Mr. Stewart, who is 45, was today reported to have passed the immediate danger of the initial phase of his injuries. His wife was flying from England to Singapore today to be with him.

Doctors at the Singapore Hospital to which the Governor was brought by a Royal Air Force flying boat yesterday, said that he had passed a fair night but was still seriously ill. He was receiving regular blood transfusions.

The Sarawak authorities at Kuching announced that a preliminary inquiry would be held shortly into the stabbing.

The trial of the two youths will be held at Sibu. Officials reported today that police investigations seemed to indicate that the crime was planned by certain leading members of Perak, Sarawak and Malaya (Union of Young Malays).

King George VI had sent a message to Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General in South East Asia, stating: "I am shocked to hear of the dastardly attack made on the Governor of Sarawak at Sibu" and a Reuter report from London.

The message added: "Please convey my sincere sympathy to Mr. Stewart and express my hope that he may soon make a complete recovery from the wounds which he has sustained."

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, has also asked Mr. MacDonald to let Mr. Stewart know of his own deep concern and sympathy and to give him his warmest good wishes for a speedy recovery.—Reuter.

### The Weather

At 0800 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the tropical storm is centred about 250 miles E. of Manila and is moving W at 10 knots. The depression over Maguibo continues to intensify and from it a trough extends SW to Poonchong. A new surge of the NE monsoon has set in behind the trough.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate NE wind, freshening during the day. Fair, becoming colder later in the day or night.

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Maximum: 80.5 deg. F. Minimum: 75.5 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.0 in. (0.0 in. max.)

An infant was burnt to death. Another baby is believed to be buried under the charred debris, and rescue work is still under way. Heavy casualties were suffered among livestock in the area. Roasted pigs, burnt in their sties, numbered more than 100.

The flames, fanned by strong westerly breezes after originating in the centre of the clusters of matchhuts, brick houses and wooden huts forming Pak Tin, So Oak and Lee Nguk Villages, spread like wildfire, catching many of the occupants unawares.

Hundreds of the villagers, working in factories adjoining the precincts, were just returning to their homes for the night when the blaze wrought havoc in the area of about half a square mile.

Eight fire appliances, including one from Central Fire Station, and two fire boats, were despatched to the scene. Chief Officer W. J. Gorman, assisted by Divisional Officer Seymour and Station Officer (Kowloon) Caynes, supervised the fire fighting.

At the height of the conflagration, looters roamed at will preying on the helpless who were desperately attempting to save their belongings. A strong posse of Police arrived shortly afterwards to cordon off the area. Boy Scouts from the Tak Ming School and Hing Yan School assisted the Police to control traffic.

St. John Ambulance Brigade personnel were also at hand to give aid.

Members of the 96th Army Fire Brigade also came to help.

**Aid Rendered To Victims**

Refugee centres were set up immediately by a Buddhist Temple to provide shelter for the victims. The Social Welfare Office distributed bread and found accommodation for the worst cases.

Families grouped here and there beside their properties, which they managed to save, to await the return of husbands, daughters or sons, who were out when the fire gutted their households.

Adjoining buildings—the Tung Tung Weaving and Dyeing Factory, Kow Yee Cotton Mill and two newly-erected, unoccupied blocks—and huts were unaffected.

Several huts miraculously escaped the fire, too, and there were three wooden huts which were damaged by charred remains of neighbouring constructions. They were untouched.

The Buddhist Temple, standing on a mound overlooking the devastated area, was not affected while about 50 yards south its portico, several brick houses were razed down to the last pillar.

The Fire Brigade, which utilized 16 deliveries to fight the blaze, found great difficulty in the initial operation because of the strong breeze and the lack of hydrants. The village was quite off the main road, which handicapped the fire-fighters to a certain extent.

The thousands of curious people, flocking to Hakkio Village from all parts of the mainland, obstructed traffic considerably. Police reinforcements gradually cordoned some parts of the road to channel the never-ending flow of vehicles and pedestrians into proper "lanes."

**Cause Of Fire Undetermined**

The cause of the fire could not be determined by the authorities last night.

The exact number of casualties could not also be estimated, although it was reported that an infant was burnt to death and another buried under debris.

According to information gathered here and there from the victims, the fire first occurred in the centre of the village almost immediately after the midday meal was over. Two "theatres" were put forward by several victims.



Top photo shows two Buffa soldiers helping a fireman to batter down the walls of a burning house, inside which there was believed to be an occupant buried in debris. In lower photo a victim is seen salvaging whatever possible from the charred remains of his household when he returned to find it gutted by fire. His hut was along the fringe of Lee Nguk Village, which was entirely wiped out by the conflagration. ("China Mail" Photos).

## KMT Officials Evacuate Chengtu

Urgent evacuation of Nationalist China's fifth capital Chengtu, began shortly after midnight yesterday, according to vernacular Press reports.

Government officials, added the reports, assembled at the city's airfield early yesterday morning to board planes for Taiwan.

All CAT planes at Chengtu have been taken over by the Government for evacuation purposes as Communist General Liu Po-chang's troops draw closer to the city.

National General Hu Tsung-nan was reported to be hurriedly bringing up reserves for Chengtu's defence.

He has established a defence line between 30 and 50 miles outside Chengtu. The defence lines are being manned by some of his crack forces.

**Hainan Headquarters**  
A joint Navy-Army-Air Force headquarters is to be established by the Nationalists on Hainan Island.

Vernacular Press reports said that the chiefs of the three services have arrived at Hoihow and are holding conferences for the setting up of the headquarters.

With military aid from Taiwan, the new headquarters will be responsible for directing warfare against the Communists in South China.

Among the officials who are participating in the conferences are Admiral Kwei Tung-ching, General Pao Chung-hsi, General Chan Chai-tong and General Wang Shu-ming, Deputy Commander of the Air Force.

**Chiang Takes Over**  
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek resumed direction of China's Nationalist Government yesterday, states a United Press report from Chengtu.

Generalissimo Chiang took over after Acting President Li Tsung-jen left Hong Kong.

Reports said Premier Yeh Shih-shan threatened to resign when President Li refused his entreaties to return to Chengtu and take over active direction of the government, as a result the Kuomintang Central Standing Committee met over the week-end and approved a motion to the effect that the Generalissimo will resume the presidency while Li Tsung-jen is in the United States.

Generalissimo Chiang met some of the top remaining officials here but it was reported he would soon go to Kunming and from there to his island fortress Taiwan.

The remaining Nationalist officials in Chengtu began a lightening evacuation when Communist forces marching from Chungking captured Nienkiang, 92 miles south of Chengtu.

## Ship Leaves To Pick Up Ward Party

Tokyo, December 5. The stubby wartime merchantman Lakeland Victory started its journey today to bring the American Consul-General, Mr. Angus Ward, and his staff from Communist China.

The 10,500-ton vessel left Yokohama for Kobe on a regular morning run to Osaka, the Gulf of Chihli point off the mouth of the River Ho, which flows through Tientsin.

The Lakeland Victory is due at the Bar on December 10, the day the Ward party is expected to arrive from Mukden. Mr. Ward will decide its itinerary after he boards the ship in deep water some 15 miles off the coast.

(Because of the shallowness of the River Ho and the sand bar at its mouth, large ships are unable to proceed directly to Tientsin.)

The Ward party may come down the river by small boat or use the highway or train from Tientsin to Taku, a distance of about 24 miles.

Special precautions have been completed to accommodate an anticipated party of 20 persons equipped with the combination freighter and passenger ship. A U.S. Army doctor will be aboard to give the Americans any medical attention they may need after more than a year in Communist hands in Mukden.—Associated Press.

## Red Radio On Conditions In Canton

San Francisco, December 5. Conditions in Canton covering the rehabilitation of factories, transport and schooling were outlined by the Communist Peking Radio tonight.

It said that in many of the factories taken over by the Communists production had resumed.

Motor boats and steam launches were now calling regularly at ports along the East, West and North Rivers in Kwangtung while there were regular train services between Canton and Kulong as well as a regular bus service between Canton and outlying districts.

The Radio also reported that classes had been resumed in the Sun Yat-sen University at Shek-pai.—Reuter.

## Nehru On Recognition Of Peking

New Delhi, December 5. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru said today that Indian recognition of the Communist regime in China "cannot be delayed much longer" but added that no date has been fixed yet for the announcement.

Mr. Nehru termed China's Communist upheaval an "extension to Asia of the West's industrial revolution of 150 years ago—All Asia is passing through the very severe transition from an agricultural to an industrial economy."

The Premier denied the reports that he planned to take part in the defence conference of South East Asian nations in February. He told newsmen that the London newspaper reports quoting the Burmese Foreign Minister, U. Nu, as saying that India, Pakistan, Burma, Siam, Indonesia, Australia and the Philippines were planning to meet in February to discuss "defence of their democratic integrity" were the first he heard of the proposed conference.

He said: "I am rather surprised to read about it in the papers. I know nothing about any conference in February."

The British Commonwealth Foreign Ministers are to meet in Ceylon in January.—United Press.

## U.S. SHIPS RUN THE BLOCKADE ON SCHEDULE

An American shipping company is diverting all its ships to run the Nationalist-imposed blockade to Shanghai.

Disappointed charterers in Hong Kong, who have seen their Shanghai cargoes return to Hong Kong undelivered by British and foreign shipping companies, are re-consigning thousands of tons of cargoes to the Hans Isbrandtsen Company of New York.

A Jardine Matheson ship, ss. Esang, is returning to Hong Kong after waiting more than a month at the mouth of the Yangtze river.

Much of the 2,000 tons of the Esang's cargo has already been consigned to the American company, which has delivered more than 40,000 deadweight tons of cargo to Shanghai during the past three months.

Unlike other foreign shipping companies, the Isbrandtsen line has never failed to get one of their ships to Shanghai on schedule.

One ship the ss. Armathia, waited several weeks outside the Yangtze before giving up her intention to break the blockade, and returned to Hong Kong with her cargo two weeks ago.

Though many British and foreign shipping companies attempt to keep secret their plans to break the Shanghai blockade, the Isbrandtsen Company has entirely advertised that their ships are running the blockade.

Two of the Company's 8,000-ton vessels will arrive in Hong Kong on January 2, and are to leave for Shanghai after loading cargo.

They are the ss. Brooklyn Heights, and the ss. Flying Arrow. Main cargo of the Isbrandtsen ships has been rubber, petroleum, paper, industrial chemicals and medical supplies.

**Rates Higher**  
It is understood that freight rates on the Isbrandtsen ships are higher than their competitors, however, and many local charterers are now competing with each other to get their cargoes on the American ships.

Nationalist warships have fired on two blockade-breaking Isbrandtsen ships during the past three weeks.

On November 16, the ss. Flying Cloud ignored Nationalist gunboat warnings to drop anchor, and entered and left Shanghai after unloading her cargo.

On November 28, the ss. Sir John Franklin broke the blockade under a hail of fire from a Nationalist warship.

No one has been injured on the Isbrandtsen ships thus far.

Captain of the Sir John Franklin, Warren R. Herdy, in a statement in Shanghai to the American State Department protested against the Nationalist warship's action, and also announced his intention to take the Sir John Franklin out of Shanghai today.

**ss. Elsie Moller**  
A British ship, ss. Elsie Moller of Moller Company, Ltd., is grounded at the mouth of the Yangtze, after a Nationalist warship is reported to have disabled the Elsie Moller's rudder.

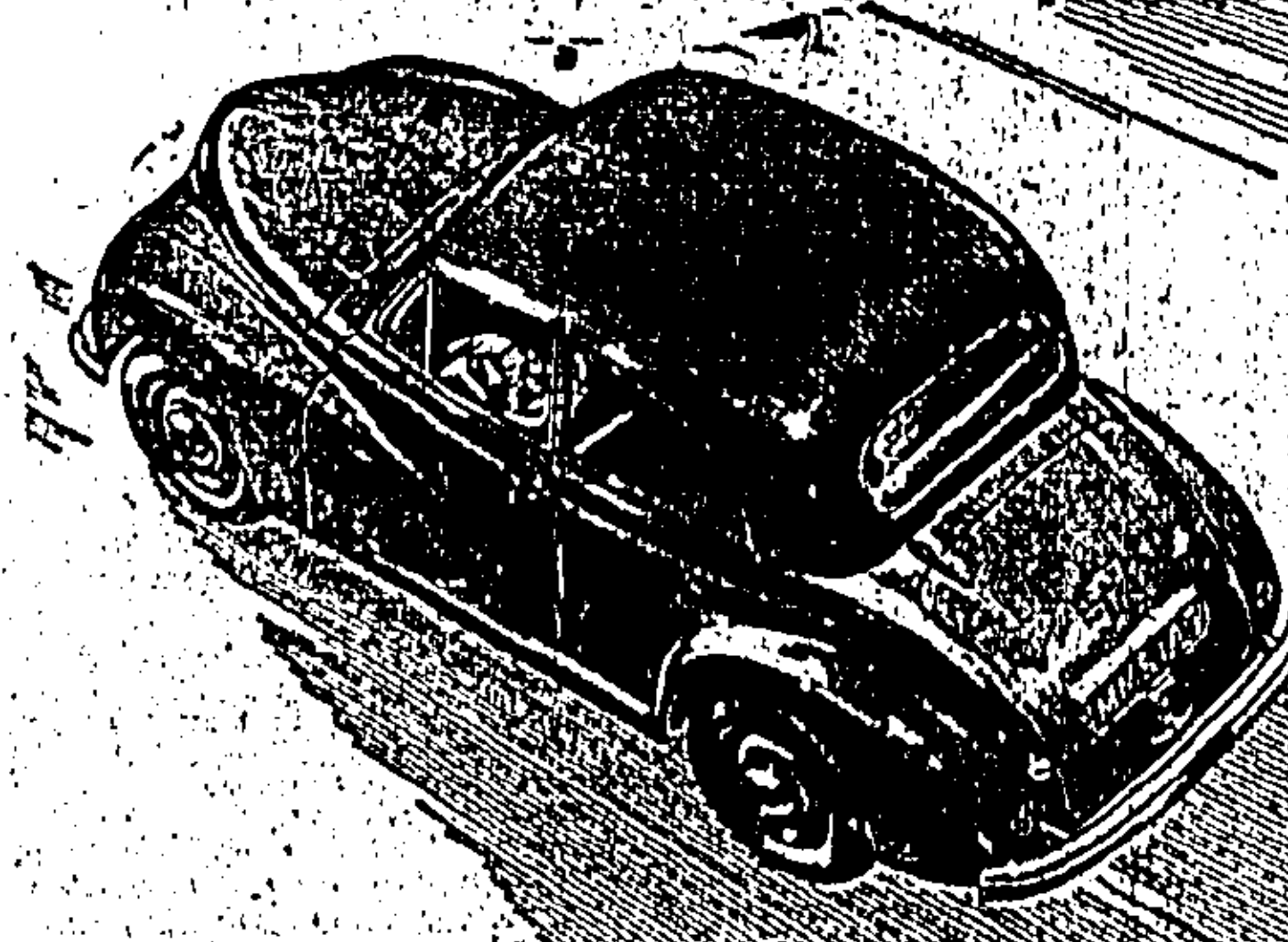
A shipping official said yesterday that reports that the Company has sent a tug to take the

## FOREIGN CAPITAL IN JAPAN

Tokyo, December 5. The government is planning to remove the major obstacle to foreign investment in Japan—high tax rates—it was reported today.

Mr. Takayoshi Aoki, Director of the Economic Stabilisation Board, told newsmen in Osaka today that the government is drafting a bill to reduce tax rates for foreign capital in Japan.

High taxes have been severely attacked by foreign businessmen during past months. He said the bill would be presented to the regular session of the Diet which was convened yesterday.—Reuter.



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Fresh Fish average prices received for the Hong Kong Fish Market		Wholesale Market	
Kennedy Street, yesterday were:-		Kilpatrick Avenue	
		price a catty	price a catty
Yellow Croaker		81.10	
White Pomfret	(large)	80.00	2.52
	(small)	9.00	1.75
Orange Sole	(large)	1.55	1.32
	(small)	1.34	1.25
Haruo Head	(small)	1.50	1.05
Red Sea Bream	(large)	80.00	2.75
	(small)	1.30	1.00
The prices on Sunday were:-			
Yellow Croaker		1.18	1.15
Red Grouper		1.80	2.70
White Pomfret		1.50	1.75
Orange Sole		1.45	1.40
Haruo Head	(small)	1.37	1.25
Red Sea Bream	(large)	1.45	1.45
	(small)	1.21	1.00
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Because of the reasonable expectation that a strike would be called, the police of the city of Chicago, however, was not the case last week-end, and the police were compelled to deal with large crowds of curious onlookers who having no idea what the commotion was all about, behaved like a brood of frightened chickens. The police, in dealing with the crowd, instead of mobs, the officers added:

"He regretted the inconvenience caused to the public by the exercises, but explained that they must be held well within the city in order to give protection to the factories."

The police officers' explanation will be announced in the press well before the event, he said.







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The Share Register of the Company will be closed for the transfer of shares from the 5th to the 12th December, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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Hong Kong, Nov. 28, 1949.

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## APC Introduce New Motor Oil To HK

A new motor oil, the Shell X-100, was introduced by the Asiatic Petroleum Company into Hong Kong last week-end.

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Hundreds of streamers, banners and bunting were flown atop all Shell installations in Hong Kong to honour the new oil's debut, and large newspaper space was bought to familiarise the public with the lubricant.

Shell staff members in Hong Kong were kept busy all week-end, as most resources were mobilised to give the Shell X-100 a big send-off.

The Asiatic Petroleum Company told the "China Mail" yesterday the oil is really new.

He said since the war it has been introduced gradually into many countries throughout the world, in Europe, South America, and in the Far East into Malaya and the Philippines.

It is also the first time that motor oil has been sold in Hong Kong in quart tins on a large scale, and not out of a cabinet. These tins are filled and sealed at the Refinery. A company

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The official said residents on The Peak, who run their cars up steep roads at high "revs" before the engine is fully warmed up, are those who will obtain the most benefit from the protective angle of the oil.

Shell X-100 costs no more than ordinary oil, he added.

## NOTICE THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 12th Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 17th December, 1949, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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So he let the heart J win the first trick, took the K with the A, scored the spade A and K, and the dummy's K and the spade Q, diamond K and five clubs. When the last was led, he also had the diamond 6 and heart 6, and the dummy's spade 6 and diamond A-B. Sure enough West, with the spade J and diamond Q-7, had to try to guard both those suits, which he could not do. Retaining the spade J to head off dummy's 6, he had to shed a diamond, the 7. South then led to the diamond A to drop the Q and took the last trick with the diamond 8.

(Dealer: West. Both sides vulnerable).

West North East South

Pass 1 D Pass 3 C

Pass 3 S Pass 4 NT

Pass 5 H Pass 5 NT

Pass 6 D 6 NT

On seeing the lead of the lowest card in the unbid heart suit, South counted his assets and liabilities. Three tricks in spades, one in hearts, two in diamonds and five in clubs made only 11. The only possible straightaway play for a twelfth trick would be by giving up a trick on the first or second round of diamonds; but that would be futile because, when it was done, the defenders could beat the contract with hearts.

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable).

How should South plan to make 4-Spades after the heart K lead?

Tomorrow's Problem

S K 2 H A 3

H K Q 2 D A 7 3

C A 4 3 C A 5 3

S Q 8 5 H K Q 10 4

D 6 5 4 D 3 10 9

C J 10 8 S A J 10 9 7 4

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# GALE OVER NORTH GERMANY CAUSES SERIOUS DAMAGE

## JERUSALEM RESOLUTION

Tel-Aviv, December 4. A mass meeting in Jerusalem resolved today that no force in the world can impose foreign rule on Israel's eternal capital. The resolution came on the eve of the United Nations debate on internationalization of the Holy City.

Speakers included the Chief Rabbi, Ben Zion Meir Chai Uziel, the Mayor of Jerusalem, Daniel Auster, and Mr. M. Barzani, a member of the Jerusalem Council of the Israel Labour Federation.

The meeting adopted a resolution to cable the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharet, asking him to inform the United Nations that Jerusalem's inhabitants would not accept an international regime such as that proposed. —Reuter.

## Stalin's Birthday

Moscow, December 4. The Supreme Soviet has appointed a committee of 75 persons to organize the celebration of Premier Josef Stalin's 70th birthday on December 21.

The committee is headed by President Nikolai Shvernik. The list includes Politbureau members, marshals, generals, trade union leaders, scientists and artists. Among the artists is the composer, Dimitri Shostakovich.

The publication of the names of the committee has put to rest a flock of rumours of new purges in the Politbureau.

The list included all known members of the Politbureau, except N. A. Vorobeyev, who was removed from the Council of Ministers and the State Planning Commission last year, and apparently lost his place in the Politbureau. His name has been missing from important public notices since March.

Otherwise, the Politbureau remains intact. —United Press.

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Hamburg, December 4. A gale, raging over Northern Germany today, brought down 130 ruined houses in Hamburg. Four people buried under the rubble were rescued and taken to hospital with severe injuries and the police were still fighting this evening to free two women trapped since early morning.

The wind also broke the top of the transmitting mast of the North West German Radio Corporation.

Shipping was held up in the river Elbe, the Kiel Canal and along the German North Sea coast. About 40 ships sought shelter at Cuxhaven, at the mouth of the Elbe, and 50 were waiting at Altenbruch, on the Kiel Canal, for the gale to abate.

The 7,600-ton Dutch steamer, Ganssterkerk, which left here last night for Rotterdam, was returning to Hamburg after having lost her anchor in the North Sea.

Fire brigades and special police squads were called out in Berlin this afternoon following numerous reports of casualties caused by a 100-mile-an-hour wind, which tore through the city earlier today.

At least one person was killed and an undetermined number of others were injured when ruins and bomb-damaged houses collapsed in various parts of the city.

**Wall Blown On To Roof**

In the British sector the wind blew parts of a damaged wall of a nearby school on to the roof of an apartment house. The debris crashed through three floors, taking at least seven occupants with them. One of them died while the others received injuries.

In the Soviet sector, a collapsing ruin buried three persons under heaps of rubble.

Fire brigade squads and volunteers recovered two women who had received injuries while the third person has not yet been found.

It will be impossible before tomorrow to give the exact figure of casualties, a police spokesman said.

The British steamer Spero was tonight sending out distress signals from a position in the North Sea, according to a Reuter report from Copenhagen. The signals gave a position about 35 sea-miles west of Faroe Islands on the West coast of Jutland.

The Spero said that she was making water and requires immediate assistance. The ship asked for a lifeboat and a salvage tug with pumps. —Reuter.

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## General Commits Suicide

Hillsborough, December 4. It was disclosed today that retired Army Major-General George Moore, wartime commander of Corregidor, Manila and Subic Bay defences in 1942 when they fell to the Japanese, shot and killed himself in a field here last night.

He was concerned over his health, which had suffered during his years as a Japanese prisoner of war.

His body, dressed in civilian clothes, was discovered lying in the field on the exclusive Carland estate here.

He apparently drove his car into the isolated area, got out and walked about 25 feet, then shot himself through the right temple with a .38 Army automatic.

No note was found with his body but the Police Chief, Walter Wisnom, said he understood that the 62-year-old Army officer left a note at his home in nearby Burlington Hills.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lucille Moore. — United Press.

## ARREST OF TURK DEPUTY

Ankara, December 4. Deputy Reshad Aydinli, who reported a plot last month to assassinate President Inonu and overthrow the government was arrested today. He will be tried for slander. His parliamentary immunity was lifted a few days ago.

It was announced on November 17 that Aydinli had told the Government that three opposition deputies of the National Party, Mfund Arna, Osman Bolukbashi and General Sadik Aldogen, had planned to overthrow the Government by killing the President and the Opposition Democratic Party Leader, Djelal Sayar.

A parliamentary committee, investigated the report and found

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## VILLAGERS FLEE FROM VOLCANO

Catania, December 4. Terrified villagers are tonight fleeing down the slopes of volcanic Mount Etna as a flaming, fork-tongued wall of molten lava slowly ate its way towards their homes.

The villagers, leaving their mountainside homes in the face of Etna's newest eruption, had spent the previous night anxiously waiting and hoping that their village might be spared.

This evening they gave up hope.

With the lava advancing at a rate of almost three feet a second, they gathered their few worldly possessions and streamed down the mountainside to safety.

Over-loaded donkeys stumbled down the sides of Mount Etna with chairs, bedding and, in one case, a plaster statue of the Madonna, strapped to their backs.

The lava, pouring out of five gaps on the Western side of the volcano, advanced in a wall already 300 feet wide. It has already devoured many precious vineyards.

The one stream of lava split into a fork of flaming molten rock. It is this pincer which is now stretching out towards the village of Bronte, which takes its name from the Duke of Bronte, owner of the land on which it stands and a descendant of Britain's famous Admiral, Lord Nelson.

Experts said tonight that the eruption is abating, but they still will not speculate on how long it may be before the lava stops flowing out.

Troops and relief supplies have been rushed to Etna, but no casualties have been reported so far and there is no sign of panic among the people.

Aircraft tonight circled low over the peak. Their crews looked for signs of fresh danger and for people in distress.

In Catania today people discussed the "big burst" at street corners. They carried umbrellas to protect them from ashes showering the city.

In the countryside round Etna they could see tiny, dancing dots of fire as red-hot cinders, spat out from the volcano, burst into flame among the woods. — Reuter.

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## Spiritual Re-Valuation

By THE REV. ROBERT F. V. SCOTT, D.D.

Annals from economic to spiritual life may be dangerous, but topical economic terms like "value," "re-valuation" and "de-valuation" are not without meaning in religion and the life of the spirit.

It has been said that the real value of money can ultimately be expressed only in terms of bread. Though such a generalisation may need to be qualified, it does express a vitally important truth. If one's money cannot buy the means of subsistence, it matters little what else it can buy.

It would be just as deadly to starve, surrounded by television sets and electric clocks, as in the stark barrenness of the Sahara desert. In other words life, for most of us, is a top-priority in the scheme of things. It stands at the head of the normal scale of values.

Pounds and dollars alike mean nothing if they do not support life. There are no pockets in the shroud.

Christianity goes further than this. Our Lord said, "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink. It is obvious from this that life in the sense of continued existence here did not come first in His scale of values. Not that He belittled it—far from that—He rejoiced in it and lived it to the full.

And He did that precisely because it did not come first with Him. For Him the Will of God came first. To seek to know God's Will and the strength to do it, whatever it cost, that had first priority with Him. It headed His scale of values.

This re-valuation of life has suffered sore de-valuation in modern regard. Millions are quite indifferent to it. Almost as many delight in opposing and denying it. Many of us Christians only remember it vaguely, save when some desperate experience brings home its truth.

Here the economic analogy breaks down. The pound is devalued. Our poor reckoning of Our Lord's view of life does not alter one iota of its value. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." That is the truth.

Meanwhile the People's Government continues to its frontiers; the right wing of the Nationalists is thinking solely in terms of safety in Taiwan; and the Liberals cannot even begin to think of a Government in exile, still less of rallying the country behind them. They represent an idea more important than all the flotsam and jetsam beached by the tidal wave. But it is an idea that is a long way from realisation.

The principle of Democracy was submerged under the Kuomintang and will remain submerged under the Communists. The new stage is concerned with the economic struggle. Mao Tse-tung has said more than once that the fate of his regime depends almost wholly on what it can do to improve the livelihood of the people, increase production, and develop industrialisation. Whether one regards the mid-Victorian Marx as the last word in economics or merely the founder of a deadly economic disease doesn't much matter. The fact is that the Communist regime in China will survive or perish in accordance with its economic success or failure.

There can be little in the way of industrialisation without the help that the Western world alone can give. That help cannot and will not come from Russia. China is still very largely an agricultural country, and a lot can be done, given the will and energy, to provide a sounder and more productive agricultural economy, as the essential basis for the ultimate industrialisation of the country. Recognition or no recognition, blockade or no blockade, the revival of agricultural economy must remain the first charge on the energy and enthusiasm of the new Government.

Even this won't be easy. There is, to begin with, the fact that millions of soldiers have to be fed and provided for out of the meagre sur-

plus of the peasant. The Communists are more systematic in their methods, but if the end result is that they get more from the farmer than the previous regime with their rougher and readier methods, the farmer won't feel any the better about it. They have, however, done a first-rate job in the restoration of railway transport, which is a real aid to better distribution.

Production is much more important, and this has fallen very low. The drought in the North last summer was followed—as it usually is—with serious floods. Superstitious tongues were set wagging about the Communists' "bad joss." Government spokesmen have admitted that 50 million mow of land were affected, of which nearly half failed to yield any crops at all. The armies grabbed most of what was available, so the outlook must remain grim till bigger and better harvests come in. The Communists speak of banditry in the countryside, the resistance attributed to "feudalistic landlords"—to demands for grain, and the critical position of Shanghai and its East China hinterland. They have admitted with candour great financial difficulties and a complete inability to balance the first Budget.

The expedients they have adopted consist of the splitting up of the country into five "strong regional organisations" and the issuance of People's Victory Bonds of an unstated amount. These, like the new currency, which has been slipping lately, will be based on staple commodities. Neither will add to production; both together may provoke disruption. But China is too big to be handled as a single unit by a Government which hasn't even begun to function administratively. It matters less who does the work or who directs it. The essential thing is that there is work to do, which must be done, for more production is the only way out.

At the end of the war, some people tried to answer this question by suggesting that Asia should create a Regional Security Organisation.

(Regional organisations are provided for in the charter of the United Nations). But this plan ran into two difficulties which were fatal to it. The first was that the great powers outside Asia had vital interests in Asia. The second was that none of the Asian powers (except Russia, if Russia is for many reasons declared in Asia as in the rest of the world). But there is a least a good chance that a balance may be established between the two camps. This may prevent war. It may provide a new framework within which Asian civilisation may develop in all its richness—just as in a building the thrusts of an arch may be balanced against one another so that they form a safe, under which people may safely live.

There is a vital strategic centre for the defence of non-Soviet Asia. This is the Indian sub-continent—or the two independent countries, India and Pakistan. India and Pakistan, even in the days of atom bombing, are fairly well defensible from an attack

## Britain's Foreign Workers Do Alright

By OLIVER ASBLEY

The mill folk of Oldham, England, thrifty people by nature, are rubbing their eyes in bewilderment at the financial wizardry of the European workers who were imported into the town to learn the cotton trade and help Lancashire exports.

There are about a thousand of them in the Oldham area now. Eighteen months ago, they were arriving in the town in small, shepherd groups—confused, penniless, unhappy. They spoke little or no English, carried all they owned in the world in one small bag or paper parcel.

Today, they are acknowledged to be hard-working skilful textile operatives. They dress well. They have plenty of money, sometimes carried about with them in sizeable rolls and wads. A few have now agreed to trust the British Post Office.

Most amazing of all, they are buying their own houses at an ever-increasing rate. There have been many marriages amongst them, and it is estimated that about 100 houses have so far been bought in the Oldham area for big cash deposits.

## Pennies Count

How is it done? That is the question I set out to answer. I can mention no names, because these workers of 14 nationalities come mainly from behind the Iron Curtain, have relatives still there, and are under observation by Communists in Britain. But I have been in their homes, they have told me frankly how it is that many of them are now wealthier than the average Lancashire textile operative.

One reason is that a building society has accepted them as responsible, trustworthy people and offers them an 80 per cent mortgage on valuation without a British guarantor.

The first home I visited belongs to a Polish married couple. The man earns £5 a week, the woman £2 10s. They do not work a lot of overtime, nor do they take on spare-time work.

They told me they had just bought a £200 cottage in excellent condition, by putting down a cash deposit of £100. The house was borrowed from other European workers. They will now pay £3 10s. 8d. a month in premium and interest.

They spend virtually nothing on tobacco and liquor. They do not invest in football pools. They save money, always walking to work. They never go to dances, hardly ever to the cinema. They save on food by preparing large solid meals, according to their national tastes, and refusing to be tempted to take and eat British luxuries.

The husband showed me a huge packet of bread sandwiches. "This I eat at work," he said. "You English eat a bit of this."

national independence which the Chinese mind demands. "India-China may also pass into the Soviet area if the French are not far more skilful than they have been hitherto in combatting Ho Chi-minh."

On the "free" side the leader will certainly be India. The Indian Government is anxious not to enter into any un-neutral military commitments. But it is already deeply committed to the free world by its ideas, its ideals, and by economic ties. During his recent visit to America, Mr. Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, said that, if freedom were again vitally menaced, India would be on the side of its defenders.

Ceylon, Indonesia, and Siam will be in the non-Soviet block. So will the Philippines. There are a few doubtful areas. Burma may go Communist. South Korea, which owes its present autonomy to American protection, may be overrun by North Korea if the American protection is withdrawn.

The great uncertain factor is Japan. The present Government is strongly anti-Communist. But Japan's outlook is so bleak that it may be propelled by adversity into Communism. The discipline of its people and the forwardness of its industrial system would help a Communist party in trying to seize power.

A Good Chance

Have the countries on the "free" side the resources and the geographical position to provide a balance to the very strong Soviet block of China and Russia? They have a very good chance of doing so if they act in union with the free countries in the West.

There is a vital strategic centre for the defence of non-Soviet Asia. This is the Indian sub-continent—or the two independent countries, India and Pakistan. India and Pakistan, even in the days of atom bombing, are fairly well defensible from an attack

from the "iron curtain" side, provided that they have sufficient air power. The Indian sub-continent may be attacked either from the sea or through the mountain passes. It may be taken as certain that Russia, even though it may develop a large submarine fleet, will not be able to do more by sea than harry lines of communication in the Indian Ocean. It cannot hope to make a land-borne attack.

The way into India lies through the mountain passes. Over the Burma-Assam frontier, an attack is theoretically possible. The Western powers and India attacked over those passes in the reverse direction in the last war. But for a major offensive against India from this quarter, Burma would have to be worked up as a great supply base. Further West there are very difficult routes from Tibet into India. These are almost impossible for large modern armies. It is to the West of Kashmir that the practicable invasion routes lie. These passes—the Khyber, the Bolan and so on—have been used repeatedly in the past.

The ability of India and Pakistan to repel land attack from over these passes would depend on their having sufficient air power to harass and disrupt any of any advancing army. If the adversary possessed overwhelming air power, it could on the other hand disorganise the Indian land defences, however considerable, and penetrate into the rich Northern plains.

If India and Pakistan can be kept intact, and if their industry is developed, they are the ideal geographical centre from which an offensive can be developed. From India, if the sub-continent is adequately defended, it should be possible to strike outwards and control the Persian Gulf on the one side, Indonesia on the other.

The conditions for an effective defence of the sub-continent are two of old. First, India and Pakistan must act in union. If they quarrel, they play into the hands of an aggressor. Hence the dangers of the Kashmir dispute. Secondly, India must develop an industrial power, including an aviation industry, which will enable it to supply at least part of the requirements of a great military power.

Much of the air strength for Indian defence would need to come from allies. But India and Pakistan must have reserves of their own, especially for the early stages of war. A strong fighter air force is the supreme need for India's defence.

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# FIGHT ON MAINLAND TO BE CONTINUED, CHIANG SAYS

## Generalissimo Confident Of Outcome Of Struggle FIGHT IN SOUTH WEST

Chengtu, December 4.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek today said in an exclusive interview that the fight on the Chinese mainland will be continued at all costs and sacrifices.

(Chiang spoke at a time when his armies were in retreat in the West and were reported retiring from the mainland in South China to Hainan Island.)

"We are now concentrating our troops so that the battle for the South West can be sustained," he declared.

"Behind the non-existent Communist tyranny, the Chinese people have taken up arms to fight against the oppressive rule of the Communists."

"They are fighting in the Yangtze valley. They are fighting in Chekiang, in Honan, in Shantung, in Fukien and in Kwangtung."

"We are now helping to organize and supply these units to beat the enemy."

The Generalissimo said he was confident of the final outcome even though further setbacks might attend the struggle.

Generalissimo Chiang again is an active control of the Nationalist defense after returning from the Presidency last January. He may soon resume the Presidency.

Generalissimo Chiang received the correspondence at the "Chungshan" residence in the Central Military Academy.

### Seems Sadder

The veteran Nationalist China leader wore a khaki uniform without any decorations. He looked keen and alert. However, he seemed sadder and his close cropped hair a little greyer.



CHIANG KAI-SHEK  
"We will Fight On"

Generalissimo Chiang's remarks were in the form of a written statement. He speaks very little English in reply to a series of questions put by this correspondent.

The Generalissimo said he had gone to Chungking at a time when the Reds threatened the city. He had gone at the insistence of Acting President Li Tsung-jen, he added.

The Acting President is in Hong Kong and has broken politically with the Generalissimo.

"I expected Acting President Li to return to Chungking to cope with the critical situation confronting us," Generalissimo Chiang said. "However, he decided to leave the country."

"As a Chinese patriot and leader of the Chinese revolution, his defence leadership is my responsibility—and I shall not shirk it."

The Generalissimo conceded the fall of Chungking created a difficult situation for the Nationalists in South West China.

"But the democratic peoples of the world," he added, "must realize that the anti-Communist struggle on China's mainland is not finished."

Then he spoke of uprisings behind the Red lines.

"The Chinese Communists at Moscow's bidding," he said, "are bent on conquering China and enslaving her 460,000,000 people by brute force. But the Chinese people will never be subdued by force."

### Fighting Everywhere

"We are now fighting in free China, fighting in Communist-occupied areas, fighting in villages and cities, fighting in schools and factories."

In order to rally support of the Chinese masses, Generalissimo Chiang said, "we are uniting all patriotic liberal and democratic elements in China for our common cause regardless of party affiliation, religious faith or profession."

The Generalissimo declared effective social reforms, such as a rent reduction policy, already had been introduced on Taiwan and in South West China.

## Chiang Is Virtually President

Chengtu, December 4.  
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek virtually took over as President today as non-essential government personnel began fleeing this temporary Nationalist capital.

Although there was no official announcement that Generalissimo Chiang assumed the Presidency, he officially received C. W. Chu, Secretary General, and Liu Hsi-yi, Chief Counselor of the President's Office. The Central Standing Committee of the Kuomintang, Nationalists' most powerful political group, decided last night that Chiang should become President after 11 months of retirement when Acting President Li Tsung-jen departs from Hong Kong on Monday for the United States.

The first personnel to leave today were staff members of the President's Office who reportedly flew to Hainan Island en route to the Government's island refuge of Taiwan.

Chengtu, which first looked upon Chungking refugees with curiosity, was becoming panicky at the steady Communist advances and many shops began "closing out bargain sales" announcing on bright banners their "unprecedented sacrifices" of cosmetics and clothing.

### Improvement Promised

"I wish to assure my countrymen, who are now suffering under the heel of the tyrant, that when the Communists are beaten, as they will be, the government will spare no effort to improve their political and economic well being and will give them a new and free way of life."

Generalissimo Chiang quoted the Bible to imply that recognition of the Communist regime by any of China's wartime allies would be a betrayal. He said that China never betrayed the democratic countries.

Then he cited from the Fifteenth Psalm:

"He that is aware to his own hurt and chasteth not. This was the Biblical David's way of saying that people who endured their injuries without changing their loyalties would receive their reward."

"If the democratic countries of the world," the Generalissimo continued, "underestimate the importance of the anti-Communist struggle in China they will endanger their own freedom, security and independence, but whatever happens we shall continue to fight for ours.—Associated Press."

### Clothes For Food

Some refugees stood on the street corners selling their belongings for food. Thousands of people stood in long lines before government banks to change 10 Yuan notes for a silver dollar which bring them 2,200 notes on the black market.

This city, long a retreat for scholars and poets, would prefer its normal calm life free of emotional entanglements, but it is getting ready for eventual Communist occupation. Many people are returning to their villages.

About 40 foreigners, mostly missionaries, plan to remain. Refugees are still pouring into Chengtu and hotels are more crowded than ever with refugees already packed in like sardines.

There is universal pessimism among Chungking refugees and they hope to leave Chengtu as soon as possible. Many old time residents look with resentment on the influx of "foreigners." This attitude is especially shown by General Hsiang Kuo-nu, influential warlord who dislikes Chiang and blames him for bringing the threat of war to this city of 740,000.—United Press.

## Li Travelling To United States In Official Capacity

Li Tsung-jen flew out of Hong Kong yesterday for the United States where he hopes to regain health for himself and moral and material help for the rapidly crumbling Nationalist China's fight against Communism.

General Li is travelling as a fully accredited representative of a foreign power—a Vice-President and in the capacity of Acting President. A special diplomatic visa bearing red ribbons and the red wax seal of the United States—not the plain chop on a passport—bears mute witness to the respect the State Department holds for Li Tsung-jen as an official as well as an individual.

It will be the first time since the founding of the Republic that the presidential office is represented in a personal visit of the holder to the United States. But more important, the flight marks the beginning of the last chapter in the final chapter of Kuomintang efforts to establish a stable China to hold Red expansion in China.

For Li Tsung-jen the battle began long before he took over the President's job on January 21 when the Generalissimo flew out of Nanking. His flight—a losing fight—against both Communism and the hard core of Kuomintang conservatives began with his election as Vice-President over the Generalissimo's bitter opposition in April, 1948. He won nothing more than the title.

From that time until Chiang Kai-shek began his "temporary leave" Li Tsung-jen was forced to fight from the background for reforms he insisted were necessary to save the Kuomintang from itself as well as Communism. The Generalissimo, Dr. Chen Li-fu and powerful provincial leaders held the top cards all along.

### Chance Comes Too Late

When the Generalissimo decided finally to give Li Tsung-jen a change it was too late. Even the Generalissimo's power over inner circles of the party and among provincial officials has declined to a point he could not force or cajole them to give help to Li Tsung-jen.

Li Tsung-jen, immediately on taking office, called for a series of reforms and liberalisation of party controls. He sought the release of political prisoners, restriction of political powers and participation in the government for minority parties.

Every phase of his programme was ignored. He was powerless to enforce any decision.

Turning from efforts at political reforms, General Li sought reorganisation of the military, concentrating on halting the Red march which began to roll Southward with the fall of Mukden in November, 1948.

Li Tsung-jen was given the title but not the powers as acting president after the last Nationalist real effort to halt the Reds on the battlefield had failed—the Kiang-

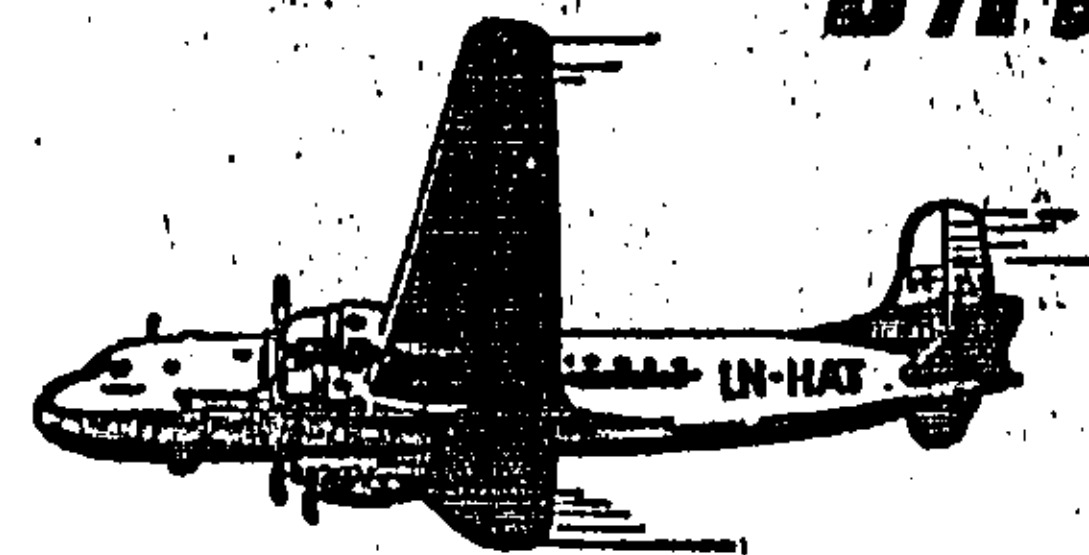
### CC Clique In

The fall of Shanghai and the steady Red march Southward resulted in the CC clique leaders moving in again, establishing the Supreme Emergency Council with the Generalissimo as chairman. Li Tsung-jen was given the vice-chairmanship. Dispirited, disorganised and dis-sending, the military commanders made no effort to match the Kiangsu stand. The United States White Paper, in which the Kuomintang was written off, was a major morale blow.

A desultory summer campaign—solely one movement for both the Nationalists and Communists with the former retreating and the latter advancing—led to the fall of Canton on October 14. Six days later the government as such opened for business in Chungking.

Then another vital development—the defection of CNAC and CATC shut off three-fourths of the air movements supplies to government.

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## Important Policy Discussion

London, December 4.

Important discussions on Britain's future policy over the rights of the United Nations Trusteeship Committee in colonial territories are expected to follow the return to London of the Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNeill, who led the British delegation at the United Nations.

This follows recent events at Lake Success, where Britain consistently voted against resolutions which her delegation said appeared to give the Trusteeship Committee powers beyond its terms of reference.

These related to the former mandated territories but not to colonies.

Nothing definite was known here tonight about Britain's next move.

Spokesmen of the Foreign Office and the Colonial Office were unable to confirm speculation that a review of British policy was to be held, probably early next year.

Observers here said that until the British Government had fully discussed the recent developments inside the United Nations, it was too early to forecast whether Britain would take part in the proceedings of the Special Committee recently created by the United Nations for non-autonomous territories.

The creation of this Committee was based on the assumption that the authority of the United Nations Trusteeship Committee extends to the right of collecting information on all non-self-governing territories.—Reuter.

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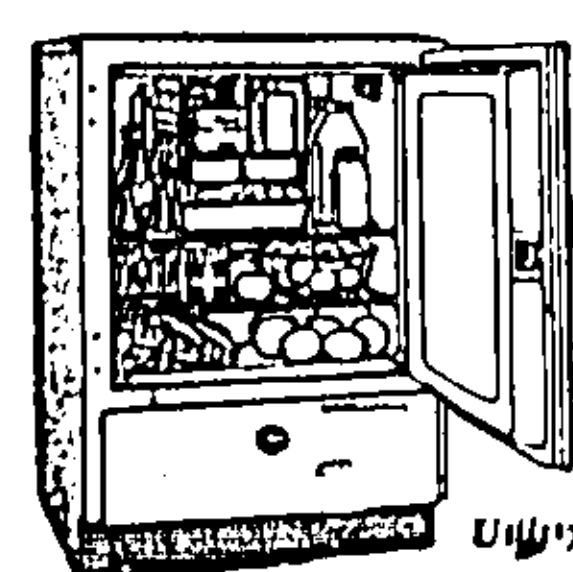
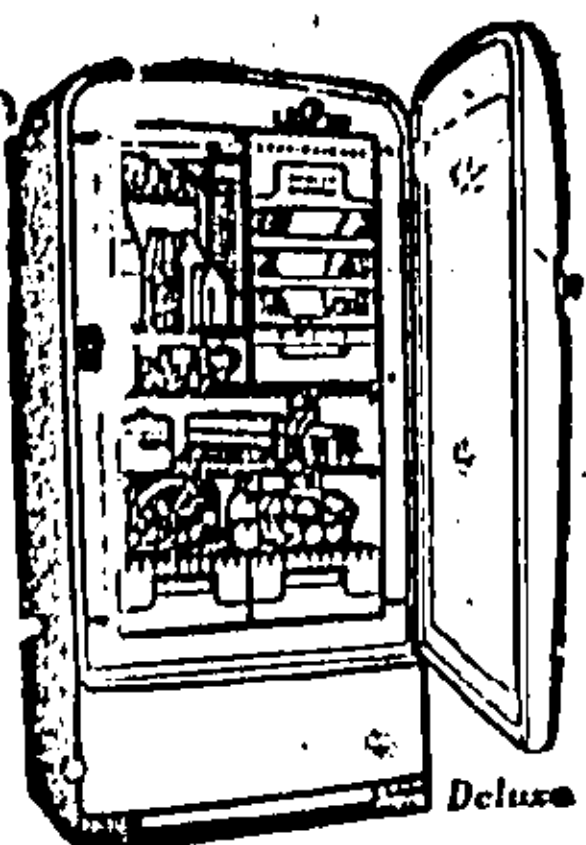
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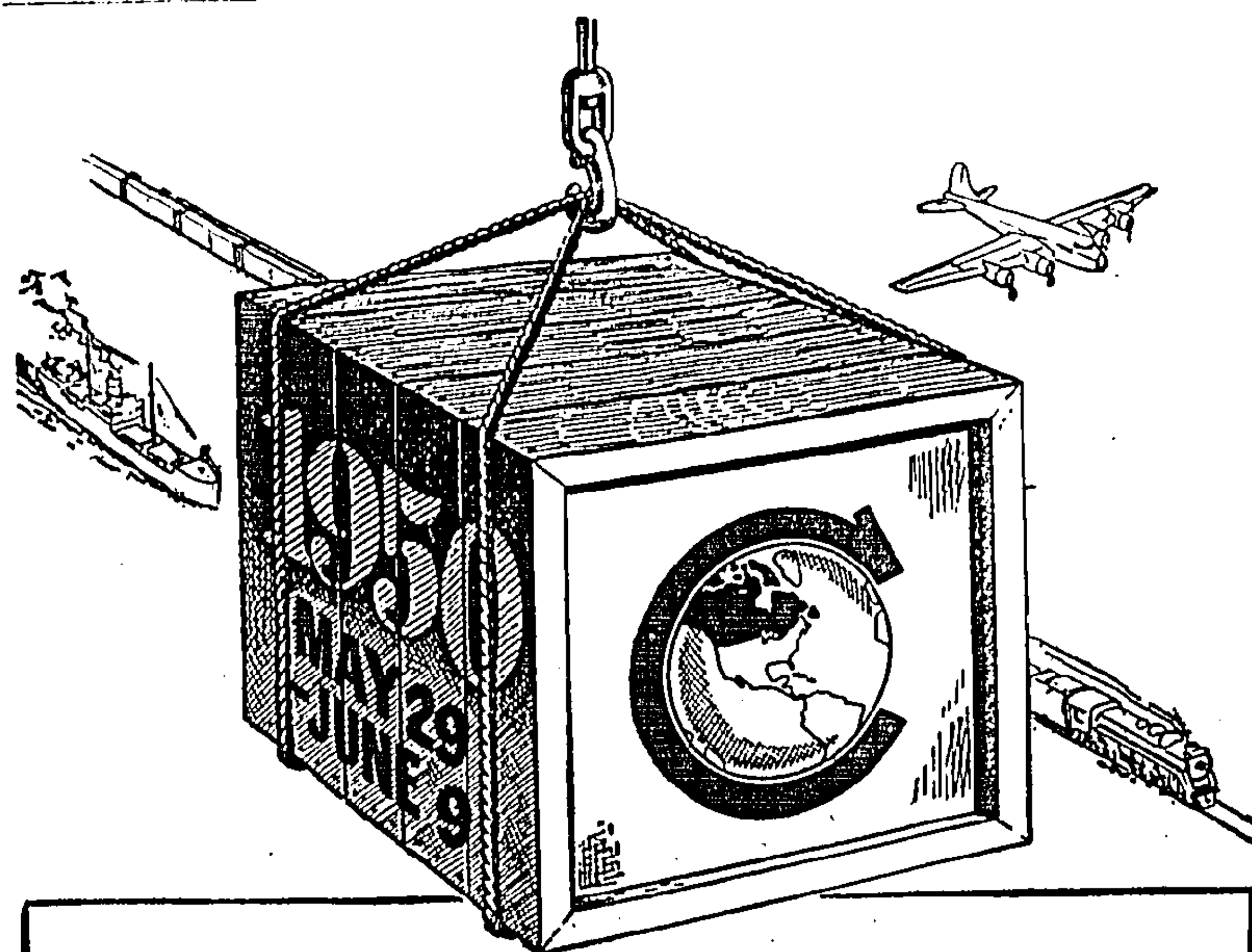
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## Diary To Support Charge Hopkins Gave Russia Atom Bomb Ingredients

### Filipinos Prefer U.S. Cigarettes

Washington, December 4. The United States Department of Agriculture reports that preference of Filipinos for American cigarettes is holding down the output of Philippine tobacco factories.

However, restrictions against the U.S. products are bringing an increase in the output of the Philippine factories. The restrictions on these imports were put into effect this year by the Manila government.

Output of manufactured tobacco products by Philippine factories during the first eight months of this year was higher than in the corresponding periods of 1947 and 1948.

Philippine cigarette production for the first eight months this year was 1,393,000,000 pieces, or 10 per cent above the January-August 1948 output of 1,264,000,000 pieces. It also was 17 per cent above the 1,188,000,000 pieces produced during the same period of 1947.

The statistics on the Philippine tobacco production came to the Department of Agriculture from the United States Embassy in Manila.

Island cigar output from January to August this year, said the Embassy, was 63,000,000 pieces, compared with 56,000,000 pieces for the same period last year and with 38,700,000 pieces for the like period in 1947.

However, the Philippine output of smoking tobacco for the 1949 period declined under that of 1948, the Embassy said.

For the period this year, the smoking tobacco output was 259,000 pounds, or 9 per cent below that of the 1948 period, but more than double the output for the same months in 1947.

Chewing tobacco output in the Philippines for the eight months of this year totalled 106,000 pounds. This was 12 per cent below the production for the 1948 period but 14 per cent above that for the corresponding period of 1947.—Associated Press.

Washington, December 4.

Former Army Air Force Major George Racey Jordan of New York today produced a diary which he said will support his charges that the late White House intimate, Harry L. Hopkins and two anonymous State Department officials gave Russia the atom bomb on a platter.

A friend of Hopkins, who was closer to President Franklin Roosevelt than any other man, promptly branded the story as incredible. But two Congressional committees ordered immediate investigations and the Air Force and the Atomic Energy Commission offered their full co-operation in the inquiries.

If the Congress wishes, spokesmen of the two agencies said, they will dig deep into their musty wartime files to see if there is any record that uranium was shipped to Russia in 1943-44 as Major Jordan alleged.

The FBI refused to comment on the case but it was learned from other sources that the FBI has questioned the diary. Jordan examined his diary.

Jordan is now assistant to the President of a New York construction firm the American Pacific Industrial Corporation.

He first aired his story on the Friday night programme of commentator Fulton Lewis, Jr. He said some 1,050 pounds of raw uranium and secret papers were sent to Russia in black suitcases over the wartime Alaskan lend-lease route.

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United States office that Russian officials were flying unauthorized cargoes out of the country.

An Air Force spokesman told the United Press that the Air Force had never heard of the matter until Fulton Lewis' broadcast and that a preliminary check of the Air Force records here does not reflect that such a report was ever made.

Major Jordan said he found out that the Army Air Force tried to act after he alerted officials about a "document leak" but they received a blunt "keep hands off" order from the State Department.

He said, "I then decided as a matter of self-protection to find out what these suitcases contained and to keep a record of each plane in which they were carried."

Major Jordan said that early in January 1944, he took the matter into his own hands when a lend-lease plane laden with 50 suitcases arrived at Great Falls. He said he took a flashlight, summoned two U. S. guards and walked over to the plane.

He said, "A burly Russian colonel with a big belly stepped between me and the pile of luggage. He tried to belly me out of the way. As I ducked around him to get at the pile he threw himself full length across the cargo and shouted 'immunity.'"

Major Jordan said he managed to pry a suitcase off the pile and opened it. He said, "It was crammed with state documents, maps and photostatic copies of engineering drawings and scientific data, labelled 'Oak Ridge Manhattan Engineering Project.'"

He said it was not until much later that he learned that the Manhattan project was working on the atom bomb. He said it was in one of these suitcases that he found a letter written on White House stationery and bearing the name Harry Hopkins.

He said one paragraph carried the notation, "Had a hell of time getting these away from Groves." Major General R. Groves was wartime boss of the atom bomb project, refused to comment on the reports.—United Press.

### U.S. Armed Help For Philippines

Washington, December 4. The United States and the Philippines have opened negotiations on an American arms aid programme for the Island Republic.

The State Department announced today that representatives of the State and Defence Departments arrived in Manila on November 30 for "preliminary discussions" on specific military

equipment which the Philippines require under the law passed by Congress last session. The law authorized "the billion-dollar European arms aid project and among other assistance, provided \$27,000,000 for military help to the Philippines, Korea and Iran."

The present Manila talks presumably will help determine what share of this the Philippines will receive.

American representatives in the talks are Mr. John F. Melby of the Philippines Office of the State Department and Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. Lawson and Lieutenant-Colonel R. M. Craig representing the Defence Department.—Associated Press.

## A Surprise For Paris



Sophisticated Paris looked a little askance at this clumsy wagon pulled by a team of six oxen through the Place de l'Opera. It was drawing attention to the Truckers' Federation's protest against high taxes. (Associated Press Photo).

## MISSING FRENCHMAN TO BE BROUGHT TO PARIS

Paris, December 4.

It was learned at the Ministry of the Interior today that M. Guy Auffrey, who disappeared in Germany from the train bringing him and six other expelled French people from Poland and was later found near the Swiss German frontier, would be brought to Paris under police escort with the minimum delay.

His six companions who reached Paris this morning were still being questioned by the director of the counter-espionage service this afternoon.

Officials of the service (a department of the Ministry of the Interior) and of the French Foreign Office said that they were without news of M. Auffrey's present whereabouts or his motives in leaving the train. They would give no details of statements made by the other six during interrogation.

A spokesman of the French Foreign Office said later that M. Auffrey should arrive in Paris late tonight or early tomorrow. He would be taken for interrogation at the Ministry of the Interior like the others.

The two remaining French citizens who stopped at Hamburg after their expulsion from Poland would probably also come to Paris for questioning.

### Normal Procedure

The spokesman added that since M. Auffrey had been apprehended at Weill-Am-Rhein near Bale in the French zone of occupation, it would be the normal procedure for the French occupation authorities to conduct him to Paris as he would be without papers entitling him to be in French-occupied Germany.

He would be under escort as his evident intention to cross into Switzerland justified detention on suspicion, but so far there was no indication that he would face a charge on reaching Paris.

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would probably arrive at the Gare De Est tomorrow at 5.30 a.m. G.M.T.

His six companions were tonight taken under surveillance to a hotel, the address of which was kept a close secret.

A Reuter correspondent found four of the six in a restaurant in the Rue St. Dominique. They were Madame Manguet, M. Beaulieu, M. Radeau and a fourth, who said he was afraid to give his name because of possible reprisals against relations he left behind in Poland.

### Don't Ask Questions

"Don't ask us questions," one of them said. "We know nothing of any trouble between France and Poland. We don't remember what happened to us. We are all suffering from amnesia."

After a moment, M. Radeau, a phlegmatic man of about 40, half French, half Indo-Chinese, said "It is difficult to say anything. I have been forced to leave behind my wife who was born Polish and my two children, the youngest of whom was 10 days old."

M. Beaulieu said, "I, too, left my wife and a three-year-old child."

Madame Manguet, a 25-year-old dress-maker said "I was working somewhere in Poland. I dare not tell you where. My husband was Polish. I don't know what happened to him."

One of the four said, "On Wednesday a Polish official came to the home of each of us. All he said was 'pack a suitcase and come outside. There was no explanation. Outside there was a motor-coach and inside it other expelled French subjects."

"Once we reached the Polish frontier things were all right. Everything was done to make our journey across Germany and France as comfortable as possible. The British and Americans were very understanding. In Paris the police saved us from any unnecessary cross-examination."

"And that is all that can be said. Do not ask us anything else. We dare not reply."—Reuter.

## Square Dance At Prince's Birthday

Tokyo, December 5. Prince Mikasa, youngest brother of the Japanese Emperor, celebrated his 34th birthday today by attending a square dance for the first time in his life.

The occasion evoked such enthusiasm that Princess Furuko forgot rigid court etiquette for the moment and stood on a chair to watch her husband negotiate the steps.

The Prince, who was bespectacled and shy, proved himself no genius as far as this entertainment goes but gallantly went through the gyrations with a black seaweed partner and appeared to have an excellent time.

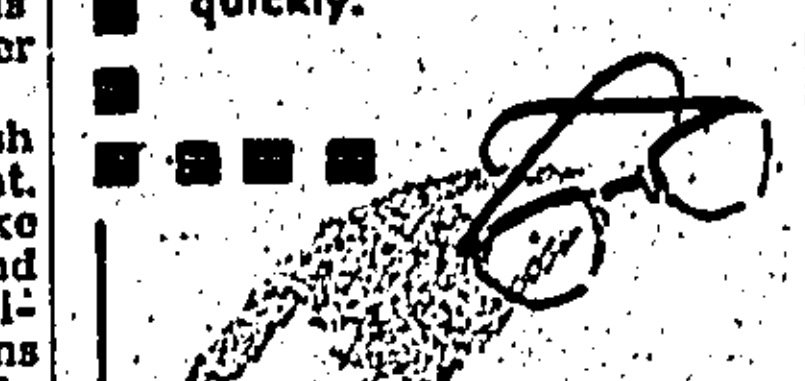
The occasion was held at Tokyo's Industrial Club and was a ball sponsored by a charity group.

The square dance is currently receiving the open encouragement of the Japanese Education Ministry through Japan's only national radio network as a typically democratic pastime.—United Press.



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## Czech Govt Warned By Clergy

Prague, December 4. Czechoslovakia's Roman Catholic priests have warned the Communist regime that its new Church laws have brought the nation to the brink of religious war. It was disclosed today.

In a letter to the government dated November 17, which reached Western correspondents today, the bishops said they would not obey the laws and that they were supported by millions of Czech Catholics in their determination.

"But should God forbid our proclamation start a cultural battle," continued the letter, "the entire world will see that it was not started by us, because we are only complying with our holy duty to defend God's interests."

The proclamation they referred to apparently was their declaration that they would not obey the Church laws unless these were revised. The letter demanded the revision of several sections of two laws which went into effect on November 1, including restoration of power to the bishops to appoint priests, run their own seminaries and publish the Catholic clergy gazette, and the elimination of the "secular" power given to the office of Church Affairs headed by the Communist Minister of Justice, Alexei Cepicka.

The letter also said: "We ask the government of the Czechoslovak Republic to stop violating God's law and not to enforce an unjust law by threats or by persecution of the Church. We cannot give to the Emperor what is God's."

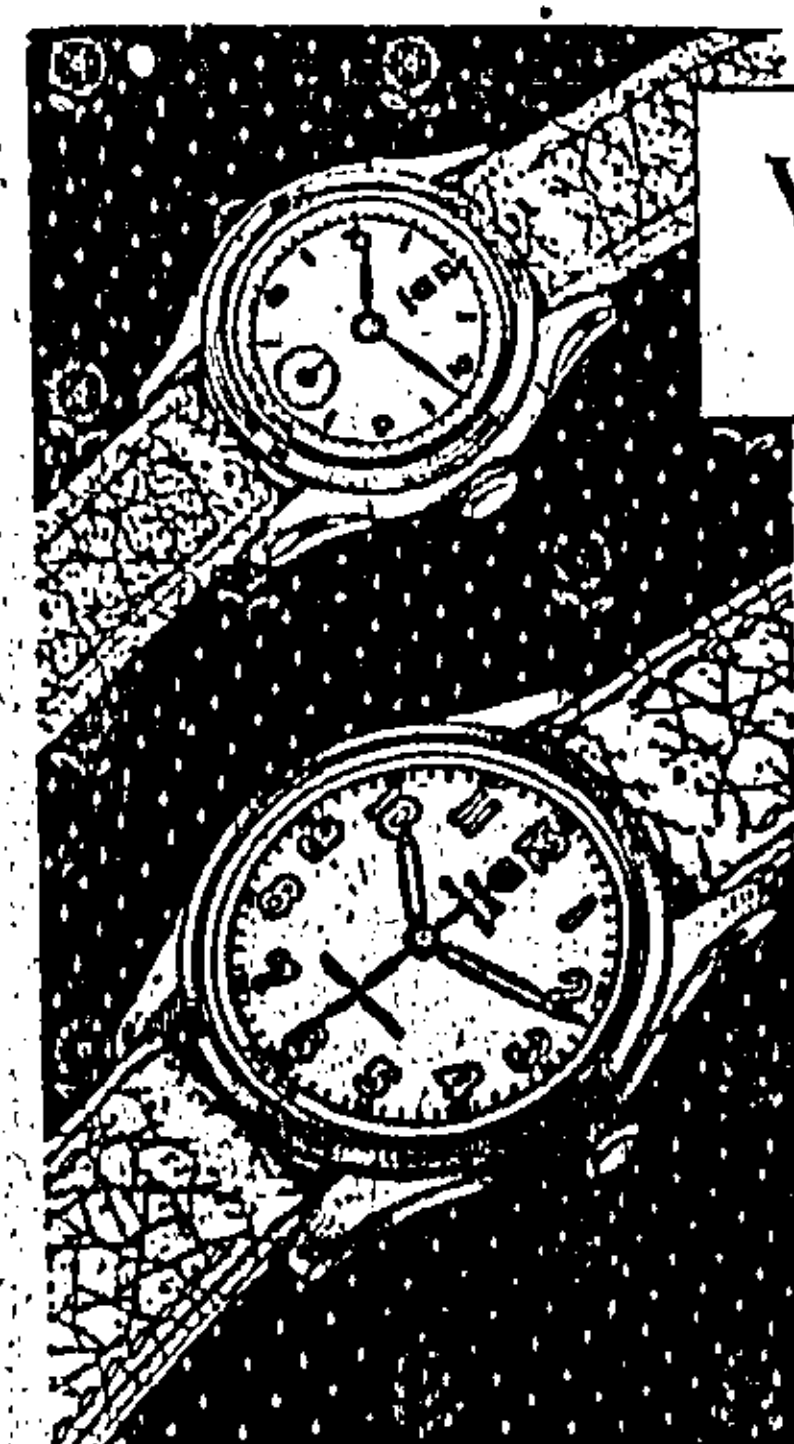
In addition, the letter disclosed that Premier Antonin Zapotocky had answered the priests' earlier request for revision of the laws with an angry reply that sounded as if it were addressed to criminals. United Press.

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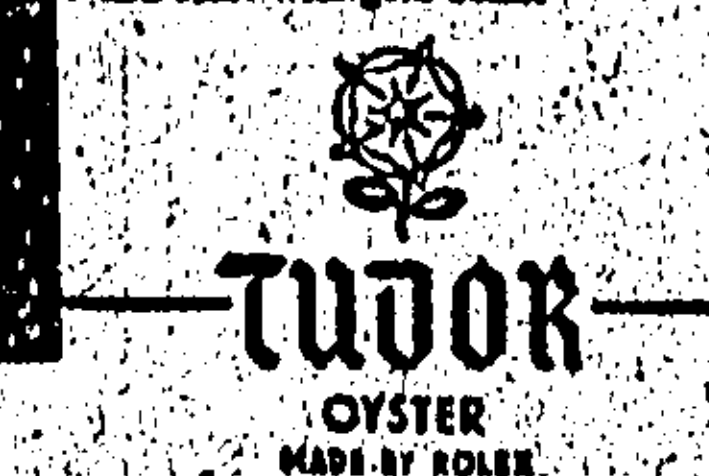
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London, December 4.

The Free World Labour Conference, which reopens in London tomorrow, is to be asked to recognise the new Asian Federation of Labour. The Conference brings together 240 trade union leaders from 32 countries and 19 colonial territories and 13 existing international organisations.

The prime mover in the Asia Federation is Mr. Devan Sen, who leads the Indian National Trades Union Congress delegation at the World Congress. He called a meeting today of the Asian delegates at the Conference. Representatives came from China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Ceylon, Iran (Persia) and the Lebanon.

They met for three hours at Mr. Sen's hotel and together with members of his own delegation totalling 20. Mr. Sen has stated that he would like to see the Asian Federation become part of the regional machinery of the new world organisation, which is to be born in London to offset the Communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions.

Today's decision, however, was merely to ask for recognition, leaving other questions to the future.

## Chinese View

The Chinese delegation thought that the Asian Federation should remain independent while working closely with the world organisation.

The Japanese contended that the Asian Federation should be part of the world body. With this the Persian delegate agreed. Mr. Sen said that it would be interesting to see what the World Conference did with the Latin-American Workers Federation, which had also asked the question of recognition as part of the regional machinery.

The Asian Federation first met in Geneva during the summer. The Pakistan delegates withdrew. A draft Constitution, which was drawn up, is to be discussed at a meeting in Ceylon in January.

Appealing for support, Mr. Sen said that the trade unionists of Asia, a continent containing half the population of the world, should try to move forward as one body.

Some of the delegates today, while approving of the Asian Federation in principle, said that they would have to report back to their trade unions at home before various decisions were taken.

The Persian delegates favoured a firm decision for establishing the Federation on a strong basis on the spot.

Notable absentees were the members of the second Indian trade union delegation at the World Conference—the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, led by Miss Maniben Karia.

The decision had not been invited. They have challenged the credentials of the Indian National Trade Union Congress, alleging that it was sponsored by employers. The Credentials Committee is understood to have rejected the challenge but an official statement is not expected until next week.

## Week-End Talks

The Secretariat members of the "Free World Trade Union International," being formed here, worked throughout the week-end to be ready for the resumption of discussions tomorrow.

After a week of Committee meetings and open discussion, the 55-nation conference will get down to the formal business of establishing the organisation in the coming week.

The final speakers of the economic and social demands of the new International will be heard tomorrow morning.

The informal week-end activity outside the conference included private talks between some key representatives of the International Federation of Christian Trade Unions, whose unions were invited after some debate to join the new International.

Leading the Christian trade union delegates is M. Gaston Tessier, head of the French Confederation of Christian Workers, who is attending the conference with the French trade union delegates.

Only French and Italian Christian trade unionists are attending the conference. The representatives of Christian trade unions in Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Denmark did not come because their countries' trade union centres objected.

A final decision by these unions on the invitation will be first submitted officially to the Standing Orders Committee of London conference. Many conference delegates not involved in the week-end Committee meetings or other conference business took advantage of the fine, crisp weather to visit scenic points in London and the surrounding country.—Reuter.

## Rural Meet Of UN Ends In Mysore

Mysore, December 4.

The United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organisation's international seminar on rural adult education for community action held here ended today.

Delegates from 19 countries who participated in the discussions will leave tomorrow for their respective countries.

The concluding session of the month-old seminar was presided over by Dr. Tarachand, the Indian Ministry of Education's Secretary. The Education Minister's address, read by Dr. Tarachand, expressed India's desire to "take advantage not only of the experience gained in this seminar but also utilise these experiences for organising further seminars in different linguistic areas."

Mom Laung Malakal, Director of the seminar, presenting a report of the work done by four study groups in the Indian Government, said: "I believe that true understanding of our report will help greatly to make the work of the Government much easier."—Reuter.

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## MARSHALL PLAN FUNDS GO TO WORK IN EUROPE

Paris, December 4.

Nearly US\$3,000,000,000 in Marshall Plan counterpart funds has been put to work in Western European countries to promote recovery projects, the Economic Co-operation Administration announced today.

The report on local currency counterpart funds, prepared by the ECA, showed that the equivalent of US\$3,030,000,000 of this Marshall Plan "stay home" pay had been approved for withdrawal and US\$2,796,500,000 already had been put to use.

Counterpart funds are local currencies paid to governments by importers in return for goods or services received via the Marshall Plan. More than half of these funds is earmarked for stimulating production within Marshall Plan countries.

In Austria, for example, the ECA said, the Enns River—untapped as a source of hydro-electric power—soon will be dammed by a series of dams and power plants built with the aid of ECA funds. The Austrian railroad construction programme received 209,000,000 counterpart schillings or about \$21,000,000 to repair war-damaged railways, bridges and equipment.

## German Projects

The ECA said Germany, which did not apply for use of its counterpart fund until last summer, had had several productivity projects approved. Among these are construction of a new power station in the Western sector of Berlin, a loan of 50,000,000 Deutsche Marks for capital investment in the Ruhr coal mines and a loan

of 50,000,000 Deutsche Marks for railroad construction. Retirement of the government debt is the principal use for the sterling counterpart in the United Kingdom. September approval of £2,000,000 sterling for this



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## NOT GUILTY PLEA AT SPY TRIAL

Sarajevo, December 4. Some 300 Yugoslav high school boys and girls, who packed the county court here today, heard the sixth of 10 Russian-born defendants on trial for espionage for the Soviet Union enter a repeated and resolute plea of not guilty.

Arsen Boremovic, aged 48, despite repeated interruptions during his evidence by the Court President, Sievo Jokanovich, refused to change his not guilty plea, although he confessed to most of the specific acts included in the indictment against him. Boremovic admitted that he was contacted by the Soviet Embassy in Belgrade in 1947 and instructed to make reports on economic and political conditions in Yugoslavia.

In Yugoslavia, supporting a foreign power by any information about local conditions, comes under the heading of "espionage" unless it is explicitly permitted by the State authorities.

## Information Centre

The Court has attempted to prove that since 1947—one year before the Communist revolution ousting Yugoslavia—the Soviet Embassy in Belgrade was operating as an information-gathering centre, to collect material which it was not obtaining from the Yugoslav government.

Boremovic also admitted that he was assistant public prosecutor for the wartime Croatian puppet regime at Travnik at a court martial which sentenced three Yugoslavs to death, and that later he was in the same position when 24 of 28 defendants were sentenced to death in Sarajevo. He is the only one of the defendants charged with war crimes.

Referred to these charges, Boremovic was asked by the judge whether he wished to change his plea. He again refused, claiming that wartime court martial could deliver a verdict of death or freedom. He asserted that he had given aid to the partisan movement.—United Press.

purpose raised the total so used to £183,000,000.

Norway continued to use her counterpart funds exclusively for debt retirement. The Netherlands, with more than \$80,000,000 worth of guilders approved for withdrawal, has gone ahead with land reclamation in the Zuider Zee. Italy is using \$3,930,000 in counterpart funds for improvement of drainage, flood control and irrigation.—United Press.

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principal squares.

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her Christmas preparations.

Council officials said that the  
extra electricity used by the  
decorations and shops today would  
heat and light a town of 5,000  
inhabitants for 20 hours.—Reuter.

## Destructive Storm Lashes Islands In The Philippines

Manila, December 5.  
A destructive storm today lashed Northern Min-  
danao and the Visayan islands in the Central  
Philippines, where two typhoons last month  
exacted a heavy death toll and millions of  
dollars' property damage.

Portions of Cebu and Iloilo cities were reported to  
have been flooded by heavy rains brought by  
the storm, which the weather Bureau said  
had winds of 65 knots at the centre.

The area affected extended  
from Surigao in Northern Min-  
danao in the South to as far  
North as Leyte, where telegraph  
and telephone lines were reported  
broken in some Eastern towns.  
Huge waves were said to have  
destroyed fish corrals in Eastern  
Leyte areas which face the Pacific.

The Red Cross manager, Dr.  
H. Yanzon, said that Surigao, the  
first province hit, had been reel-  
ing under severe buffeting by  
strong winds since yesterday and  
people in many villages were  
abandoning their homes to seek  
shelter in stronger houses in the  
towns proper.

Dr. Yanzon said that, accord-  
ing to reports received at Red  
Cross headquarters, churches,  
schools and other public build-  
ings in Surigao were jammed  
with refugees. He said Cebu  
and Iloilo were battered not  
only by strong winds but by  
heavy rains and were expected  
to be severely hit by the storm  
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The Weather Bureau said that  
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## Xmas Spirit Starts In Stockholm

Stockholm, December 4.  
More than one hundred extra  
policemen marshalled the citi-  
zens of Stockholm, thronging  
shop windows which started  
their Christmas displays today.

Coloured lights, Chinese lan-  
terns and big paper mache balls  
festooned the main streets.

The first of 15 giant Christmas  
trees, decorated with hundreds  
of electric lights put up by the  
Town Council at a cost of 900  
crowns each, appeared in the  
principal squares.

In the "Great Market" in the  
old part of the city, shopkeepers  
opened up old fashioned wooden  
stalls selling handicraft work and  
other Christmas presents.

Bearded Father Christmas  
staffed those selling toys.

The sellers' cries were drowned  
by the reedy chorus of toy trum-  
pets sold to children by the  
hundreds by other Father Christ-  
mas on nearly every street  
corner.

Only snow was lacking on this  
damp first Sunday in December,  
when Sweden traditionally starts  
her Christmas preparations.

Council officials said that the  
extra electricity used by the  
decorations and shops today would  
heat and light a town of 5,000  
inhabitants for 20 hours.—Reuter.

## Adenauer Assumes Post Of Political Strong Man

Bonn, December 4.  
Konrad Adenauer, aged Christian Democrat who  
less than three months ago was confirmed as  
Chancellor of Western Germany by one vote,  
has since then assumed the position of a  
virtual political strong man.

From the position, co-operation and concessions  
given him by the three Western occupying  
powers, the "old fox" has accumulated suf-  
ficient power and prestige to:

1. Establish foreign policy without giving Parliament a voice in its creation.
2. Bluntly criticize members of the Allied High Commission with whom he works and negotiates.
3. Stretch House rules to allow for secret ballot on crucial issues.
4. Put former Nazis and higher officials of the Hitler era in influential positions in his Chancellery.
5. Approve expulsion by the Bundestag of his top political rival, Socialist Kurt Schumacher, for "insulting" Adenauer by calling him "Chancellor of the Allies." (This penalty was later cancelled.)

**Smooth Co-Operation**

The ladder which has enabled the Chancellor to scale these heights in so short a time is his smooth working relationships with the three High Commis-  
sioners. The confidence which he engendered in them resulted in the sweeping "Petersberg protocol" of last week.

This document, which stemmed from the Paris meeting of the Western Foreign Ministers, handed Chancellor Adenauer a huge package of success to display before the German people. It nearly ended dismantling, the most unpopular Allied activity in Germany in four years since the war. It softened restrictions on German shipbuilding. It allowed Western Germany to send consular and commercial representatives abroad. It called for German re-entry into international organizations.

In return for these, Adenauer yielded "security guarantees" which he later publicly termed largely psychological.

This happy relationship with the Commission—he is not

friendly with John McCloy, the American representative—has not stopped Adenauer from bit-  
terly criticizing his Allied co-workers on occasion.

The Chancellor's determination to re-establish German foreign relations without the blessing of Parliament has been-  
crated, uncomfortably but not  
dangerously.

The Socialists have attacked him for agreeing to the protocol and its "security guarantees" without bothering to keep Par-  
liament informed, but the solid  
backing he has received from the  
three-party government has al-  
lowed the 72-year-old Chan-  
cellor to go on untroubled by cries  
of opposition.

Pledged to wipe remnants of  
Nazism from the German gov-  
ernment, the Chancellor has per-  
mitted the appointment to im-  
portant ministerial positions of  
several men who were barred  
from holding office in the earlier  
days of the occupation because  
of their political backgrounds.

Among these are Hans Globke,  
author of the legal apology for  
all anti-Jewish "Nuremberg  
Laws". Theodor Thiede, who  
has been ranked over in Parlia-  
ment for his activities as civil  
boss of part of Belgium during  
the German occupation, and sev-  
eral others who are under quasi-  
investigation by Allied officials  
—United Press.

## POP - - - - - No laughing matter

**POP**

SHE GAVE ME A  
CHARMING SMILE!

SO WHAT?

USUALLY THEY  
BURST OUT LAUGHING.

**MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN**  
By Leo Falk and Phil Davis

DEREK, DISGUISED AS MANDRAKE,  
GOES TO THE CHARITY BALL...

YOUR TICKET, PLEASE.

TICKET? AH—YES.

—HERE IT IS—

CR—Gulp—WHERE DID IT—YES, SIR.

ISN'T THAT MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN?

YES—HE'S SO WONDERFUL!

THAT'S WONDERFUL! I'LL LOOK BETTER ON MANDRAKE.

CONTINUED—

**RIP KIRBY**  
By ALEX RAYMOND

BUT YOU MUST NOT TELL YOUR HUSBAND OF MY INDISCREET BEHAVIOR, FOR WHICH I HUMBLLY APOLOGIZE.

THERE IS ONE THING MR. KIRBY, I HAVE ALREADY TOLD JOHN.

HOW UNFORTUNATE! BUT PERHAPS JOHN WILL LISTEN TO REASON—PERHAPS HE WILL NOT BE OBVIOUS TO THE MUSIC OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS!

GAUNT! STOP! UP!

**JOHNNY HAZARD**  
By FRANK ROBBINS

THE FIRST PART OF JOHNNY'S SCHEME TO HOG-TIE GROS GOES AWAY WHEN HE ENDS UP RETURNING WITH A BRAND-NEW DEMONSTRATION MODEL...

FINE THING! THIS BABY HANDLES BEAUTIFULLY! NOT A FLAW I CAN FIND... YET!

WHAT DOES HAZARD TRY TO DO? I DO NOT LIKE THESE THINGS HE MAKES WITH THE AIRPLANE!

HE'S JUST SHAKING HIS DOWN / SEE IF EVERYTHING WORKS / A-AND / SOMETIMES I HOPE EVERYTHING DOES!

NO DICE / SHE CHECKS OUT LETTER PERFECT / CINC / I DON'T SHAKE HER APART IN THE AIR / THIS GOTTA BE SABOTAGED BY THE PRINCE ON THE GROUND!

**JANE**

Giles flounders about until he has recovered his precious pistol...

HELP! I MUST HAVE SOME WORN, FRITZ! GREENHORN COULDN'T HAVE BEACHED THE DIRTY HERE...

Which gives Jane time to reach the cliffs of the mainland



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"FOYANG"	Tientsin	5 p.m. 18th Dec.
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"NEWCHWANG"	Tientsin	7th Dec.
"PRODUCE"	Bangkok	10th Dec.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10th Dec.
"SZECHUEN"	Keelung, Pusan & Moji	10th/11th Dec.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	11th Dec.
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1.00—Charlie Barnet and His Orchestra (H.K.T.)  
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements  
1.20—"From the Shows"  
2.00—Close Down  
6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary  
6.02—"It's Swing Time"—Super-Rhythmic Series  
6.30—"Confessions by Radio"—Given by Miss Lee Wei Lan and Mr. S. K. Lee (Lesson No. 2) Studio  
6.50—Mantovani and His Orchestra  
7.00—World News and News Analysis (London Relay)  
7.15—American Letter by Alvin Cooke (Delayed from London Record)  
7.30—Stage and Screen Favourites Presented by Alison Woods  
8.00—"From the Shows" (London Relay)  
8.10—"Box 200"—Best of the Best from the Forces Education Centre (Kowloon)  
8.30—"The Blue Danube"—The True Story of the Strauss Family and Their Contemporaries (Ep. 31)  
9.00—"Twenty Questions"—Question: Master Douglas Gail (Studio) Answer: From "Not So Fanciful" Operas  
9.45—Alfred and His Orchestra  
10.00—Radio News (London Relay)  
10.15—Weather Report  
10.16—"Radio Studio Melodies"—London Light Concert Orchestra Conducted by Michael Klein (H.K.T.)  
10.45—Dance To Folk King (Piano and His Orchestra)  
11.15—Weather Report, World and Home News from Britain (London Relay Recorded)  
11.30—Close Down

He wrote: "Snow and ice in this small harbour are preventing the unloading of the Norwegian aircraft which is to fly 300 treacherous miles to Stonington Island to take off 11 British scientists stranded there."

In the first dispatch from the John Biscoe since she reached Deception, Reuter's special correspondent, Douglas Liversidge, the only journalist on the expedition, describes the preparations.

He wrote: "Snow and ice in this small harbour are preventing the unloading of the Norwegian aircraft which is to fly 300 treacherous miles to Stonington Island to take off 11 British scientists stranded there."

"Everyone, from Commander H. Kirkwood down, watches every tide anxiously hoping that it will free the waters and enable all the gear and gear to be got ashore. When this can be done relief of the men on Stonington is expected to proceed quickly."

"Although we on board the anchored John Biscoe are able to do little more at present than watch the ice and try to keep warm, urgent work is going on aboard the accompanying tanker Gold Ranger whose crew is trying to thaw out frozen fresh water tanks with steam pipes."

"When unloading operations begin the Gold Ranger will have to drop 400 barrels of aviation and diesel fuel into the water and float them to land."

"The biggest danger to both ships in these lagoon-like waters could be the blocking of the bay's narrow entrance, curiously named 'Neptune's Bellows' by an iceberg. But at the moment this, fortunately, seems unlikely."

"In spite of the snow and ice, Whaler's Bay—a volcanic crater basin shielded by towering lava hills—is bathed in brilliant sunshine. In places steam rises."

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Presenting Des Turner, Richard Lin Bings, H.K.T. News

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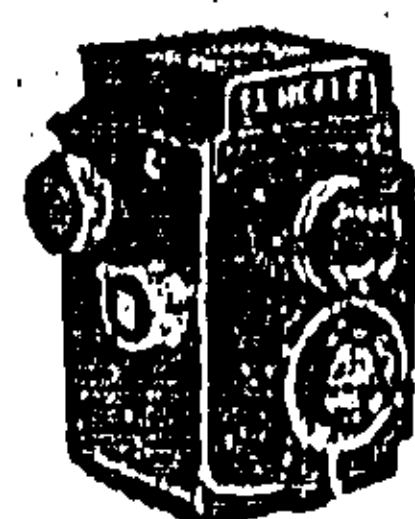












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Sports Pause



## FA URGED TO FIND A BETTER ENGLISH SIDE

### European Cycling Races

Antwerp, December 4.  
Arie Van Vliet of Holland on Saturday night won the second of four races which will decide the European indoor sprinting cycling championship.

Top of Europe's fastest sprinters competed in the heats of 1,000 metres each in Antwerp Sports Palace.

Surprise of the night was the poor showing of world champion Reginald Harris of England, who was only placed fifth. This was Harris' first defeat since he dominated the rainbow sweater marking him as a world champion.

Final placings were:  
Two, Jan Denkers, Holland, 3.  
Joseph Scheren, Belgium, 4.  
Oscar Plattner, Swiss, 5.  
Reg Harris, England, 6.  
L. Fosselin, Belgium, 7.  
Stoffi, Italy, 8.  
Ludwig Pauwels, Belgium, 9.  
Van Looy, Belgium, 10.  
T. Gerardin, France.

The first leg of the competition took place last week in Paris where Harris won. The remaining two are due to take place in Zurich and Ghent (Belgium).—Associated Press.

### Berlin Races

Berlin, December 4.  
The first day of Berlin's six day bicycle race ended on Saturday night with the Australian team Strum-Arnold still in the lead.

They finished the first 44,230 kilometres of the 22 hours riding with 43 points.  
The Luxembourg-German team Gillen-Hoffman entered the leading group with 40 points. Third were the Italians Teruzzi-Rigoni with 27 points.

The official standings after 24 hours were:

1. Strum-Arnold, Australia, 43 points.
2. Gillen-Hoffman, Luxembourg-Germany, 40 points.
3. Teruzzi-Rigoni, Italy, 27 points.

Two laps behind.

4. Kamber-Keller, Switzerland, 59 points.
5. Killian-Lohmann, Luxembourg-Germany, 48 points.
6. Zoll-Funda, Germany, 36 points.

Three laps behind.

7. The Brothers Hoermann, Germany, 36 points.
8. Seren-Lamboley, France, 25 points.

Four laps behind.

9. Naeve-Wiemer, Belgium-Germany, 54 points.
10. Spater-Berger, Germany, 24 points.
11. Spelter-Rhmer, Belgium-Germany, 22 points.

Five laps behind.

12. Schwarzer-Wiemer, Germany, 30 points.

Seven laps behind.

13. Mirko-Preiskel, Germany, 37 points.

Seventeen laps behind.

14. Grigal-Zawadzki, Germany, seven points.

### Victoria In Winning Position

Adelaide, December 5.  
Centuries by C. McDonald (188) and Ken McEldown (180) put Victoria in a winning position on the third day of their Sheffield Shield match against South Australia.

Victoria, who gained a first innings lead of 80 on Saturday, made 442 for five wickets by the close of play today. The match ends tomorrow.

McDonald and McEldown figured in a first wicket partnership of 237 which is a record for Victoria against South Australia. McEldown, a right hand batsman, scored his 150 in four and three quarters hours without giving a chance. He hit 10 fours and one six. After taking 55 minutes to reach double figures McDonald opened out and his rate of scoring left McEldown standing after they had reached their centuries. His innings of 100, occupied four and a half hours during which he hit 20 fours and one six.

All the South Australian bowlers were severely punished and the batsmen scored at a fast rate during their partnership.—Reuter.

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## Great Oaks From Little Acorns Grow

(By HENRY LONGHURST)

A pleasing little ceremony took place on the lawn of the Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, NY, the scene of this year's United States amateur golf championship.

The British Walker Cup team had taken part in the championship, and the ceremony was to dedicate a tree on the clubhouse lawn to commemorate their visit.

Inspiration of this happy thought came from the president of the club, Dr. John R. Williams, who is a great expert on trees in general—of which I recall there to be some 70,000 to 80,000 at Oak Hill.

Many, as I mentioned at the time, have metal tags revealing to the owner the name of the tree. Some of these tags are in the shape of a golf ball, which he is being impeded.

The tree which will commemorate the British visit, says Dr. Williams, is a fine young pin oak. It is 25 to 30 ft. tall and stands midway between the sundial and the swimming pool.

Now it bears a bronze plaque inscribed with the names of the British players and he will be glad to learn that of Commander Carson, secretary of the Royal and Ancient.

Dr. Williams' kindly thought is not, however, to be a one-sided affair. "This tree," he says in a letter to P. B. Lucas, the British captain, "fructified for the first time this year."

I have gathered up some of the acorns, and am sending them to you through the British Embassy in Washington.

I wish that you will send some to them to each of the clubs represented by your team.

Let there be no delay. "Acorns will not germinate if allowed to dry," says the doctor. "Plant them in a small plot about 6 inches apart—3 inches deep."

In two-three years they can be transplanted. In six-eight years you will have some fine, beautiful trees which may be set out in permanent location."

Discarding suggestions that the care of the oak nursery should be entrusted to the Board of Greenkeeping Research—thus enabling them to make an even more spectacular return for their four-figure subsidy from the golfing taxpayer—or that he should himself embark upon a miniature plantation at Sandy Lodge, Lucas intends to lay the task upon the club secretaries who will doubtless pass it instantly to their greenkeepers.

He will enjoy them to report progress after two years to Commander Carson.

### Climatic Advantage

Quercus palustris, I may inform them after no small research, grows better in Britain than any other American oak, thrives well when transplanted to drier situations, and prefers deep, sandy soil.

Like so many of us, the species is not at its best "when exposed to cold winds in a north or east aspect."

This makes one wonder what will be the fate, and how permanent the location, of quercus carolinensis at St. Andrews or quercus robur at Hove. The specimens Bruenell and Millard at Cork and Bourne mouth would appear to have an unfair climatic advantage here.

However, the tree has not yet been found at all in Scotland or Ireland, so new records may yet be made.

Finally, Dr. Williams' variety of oak may be "readily distinguished by the drooping habit of the branches and branchlets." This is not, it is understood, a subtle reflection upon the personality of those whom his delightful gift is designed to commemorate.

## UK Cricket Lovers Follow Events Abroad

London, December 4.

Cricket lovers in Britain have nothing at home to occupy their attention during these wintry months, apart from speculation on the future. As this concerns the visit next season of the West Indies, there is already no little interest in wondering who will come.

The real cricket student is also following keenly the happenings in South Africa, where the Australians are proving, as expected, very powerful and, if time permits, likely to win the Test rubber comfortably.

Also there is the tour in India where the Commonwealth players are also proving a very strong combination. West Indies players are contributing towards this. Frank Worrell and John H. are there. Will they be in the team to visit England? is one of the queries asked.

Unfortunately League cricket, which is so strong in the North of England, may interfere with the plans for some West Indians. More than one of them has been offered an attractive contract by a League team and this could mean more cash than would be offered for being a member of the official touring party.

### Egyptian Golf Championship

Cairo, December 4.

Hassan Hassaneh, assistant to the Gezira Golf Club, today won the Egyptian Open Golf Championship with a 72-hole aggregate of 284.

The field included a number of leading British International players as well as prominent players from France and Italy, but the young Egyptian, had rounds of 71 and 72 in heavy rain today to finish one stroke ahead in front of Khattab Hassan, the winner for the past two years.

Uno Grappasani, of Italy, the winner of the French Open title last year, was third with 287, while Alfred Padgham, of Britain, and Angelo, of Alexandria, shared fourth place with 290.

Mag. Faulmer (294), James Adams (290), Sam King (297) were a trio of British Ryder Cup players to finish lower down the list. Marcel d'Almeida, of France, and Flori Van Donck, of Belgium, who each took 298, were last.

Reuter.

### U.S. FOOTBALL

New York, December 4.

Professional football results.

National League

Chicago Bears 30, Los Angeles 21

Chicago C. 31, Los Angeles 27

Rams 24, N.Y. Giants 3

P. Eagles 24, N.Y. Giants 3

Washington R. 30, Green Bay Packers 0

Detroit Lions 28, New York Bulldogs 27

All-American Conference

San Francisco 17, New York Forty-niners 17

Cleveland B. 31, Buffalo Bills 21

Associated Press.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

Groningen, December 4.  
The Danish second league team of HIK drew today 2-2 with the Dutch first league team to do Quick at Groningen.—Associated Press.

Basle, Switzerland, December 4.  
The Hull Volants Hockey Club of Ottawa, Canada, defeated the Swiss national team by five goals to two in the fourth match of their Swiss tour at Basle today. The period scores were 1-0, 0-1, 4-1.—Associated Press.

Paris, December 4.  
Middleweight boxer Robert Charron was disqualified today for life by the French Boxing Federation.

Charron last Sunday refused to fight Koudler Juri at Lour (after the spectators were seated). Charron, who was French champion in 1944, lost to Marcel Cerdan on points in a 12 round bout in 1946.

The Federation penalised Charron in 1946 with a temporary disqualification after he was arrested by police in connection with a street fight.—Associated Press.

Brussels, December 4.  
Emile Delme of Belgium beat Carlo Moln of Milan on points in a 12-round welterweight boxing contest in Brussels last night.

The bout was the final of a welterweight competition which left these two boxers as finalists from an original 20 participants. Frank Hennebo, Belgium, beat Gilbert Usin, Paris, on points for third position in the competition.—Associated Press.

## INS. HARRIS RESIGNS FROM HKFA COUNCIL

(By "RAMBLER")

Inspector J. Harris who has represented the Police Sports Board on the Hong Kong Football Association's Council has resigned from the Council.

His place will be filled by Detective Sub-Inspector Gordon. Before the war Mr. Harris was in charge of the Police Football team for many years and he kept up his good work for the Police after the liberation.

Mr. Harris has served in the League Management Committee, Emergency Committee, Selection Committee and has been honoured by being Manager of Hong Kong's Interport team.

### Police Interport

Mr. Harris has been responsible for the Interport Football between Hong Kong Police and Macao Police and this has been very successful. This competition was started before the war and it was mainly through the efforts of Mr. Harris that it was resumed in 1947 when the local Police team paid a visit to Macao.

Mr. Harris was responsible for sponsoring the Divisional Football League for the Police Force.

Mr. Gordon who is a well-known footballer has played for the Police for many years. He has also represented Scotland in the International Competition and the Hong Kong Football Association in the Governor's Cup. He also played against the Macao Police in the Interport.

### Captain's Cup Qualifiers At Fanling

The following players qualified for the Captain's Cup during last week-end when the best two scores were taken on each course:

Old Course: Winner: R. S. Barry (13) 70 net, Runner-up: T. A. Butler (13) 71 net.

New Course: Winner: G. H. Catherley (14) 71 net, Runner-up: K. S. Kinghorn (4) 73 net.

The draw for the match play for the above competition will be made this week.

### HK JOCKEY CLUB CLASSIFICATION

The following are the alterations to the Classification List of the Hong Kong Jockey Club:

To Class 1A: Fox Koon, Pleasant Valley; To Class 2: Alms and Graces, V. J. Day; To Class 4: Happy Valley; To Class 5: Justice of Peace, Kwong Yiu, Southern Wind.

### BADMINTON

Kowloon Ducks beat Kowloon Tong six games to three in a men's Doubles "C" Division badminton league match yesterday.

## Tennis Stars Turn To Badminton

(By "RAMBLER")

With the lawn tennis season coming to a temporary halt until the grass courts championships in February, many well-known wielders of the racquet are keeping themselves in trim with another game—Badminton.

E. Tsai, who together with Ip Koon-hung won the Colony's hard court doubles tennis title from the Tsui brothers on Sunday, and Benzin Saw, the Schoolboy Champion, are as proficient in this brand of sport as they are in tennis.

Among the ladies there are Mrs. Mary Chow, Mrs. Tamworth and Mrs. Stokes, and of course Club de Recreio's ladies.

Although the Badminton season is now only in its fifth week, some very keenly fought matches have been seen. A feature of the league games so far has been the vehement shown by some of the newly placed clubs of last year.

### Classic Battle

At the University a fortnight ago, a capacity crowd turned out to witness the first of the season's classic battles between the title holders, the University, and the powerful combination of the Chinese YMCA.

The never-again-die spirit of the undergrads pulled them out of this match with a bare margin of five games to four, although their opponents were holding the advantage during the greater part of the evening.

Patrick Wong and Robert T. Colony, holders of the Doubles title, after getting the better of the 1947 Champions K. S. Low and S. A. Vassar went down unexpectedly to the youthful A. Neah and T. B. Tooh.

Again when the Y were leading by four games to three, with one more game to clinch the title, the pair of W. F. Foo and C. K. Lee were leading 10-10 against Low and Vassar, only to lose it eventually at 21-10 to the chagrin of their supporters.

### Rules On Substitutes In Soccer Matches

London, December 3.  
Twice this week during the England-Italy match in London and again at Birmingham during the match between the First Division City side and the Swedish A.I.K. team, there was a misunderstanding over the question of substitutes.

This is a point, which happily will not crop up in the World Cup competition at Rio de Janeiro, as no substitutes will be allowed under any conditions. These are the rules which obtain in English league football today.

The English relax their own rules when playing continental sides but only to the extent of allowing them up to the 42nd minute of the first half and the goal-keeper at any time during the game, in case of injury.

The last four words are the operative ones. It is because it is not always easy to decide just when a player is injured that the English have always refused to allow substitutes.

The system is so easy of abuse that in those countries where they are allowed have players, obviously having a very poor match, been diplomatically "injured" to allow a fresher and, it is hoped, a better man to take his place.

A Very Sound Idea  
There are those in England, however, who think that properly supervised, the substitute idea is a very sound one. They say an unlucky injury to one player early in the game may not only ruin it from the spectators point of view but result in the better team losing, having to go through a match with only 10 men.

And in England, where goalkeepers are the target for the opposing forwards, as indeed they will be in Rio, it could be said that a match might be reduced to a farce if the goal-keeper was hurt early in the game.

In case of such an eventuality, however, most league sides have at least one regular team player capable of donning the goal-keeper's jersey. In case of need.

When the national selectors pick their teams for Rio, they will have to bear in mind that their bids to stage the 1950 championship until the meeting opens but numerous applications already have been received. Boston and St. Louis want the men's outdoor track and field championships.

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### POLO AND HUNT CLUB MEETING

There will be a meet of the Polo and Hunt Club at the 4th Queen's Own Hussar Camp at Lo Wu on Sunday 11/10 a.m.

Members who wish to be listed a pony for the Hunt should inform the Hon. Secretary by Friday.

## England Beat France At Rugby

Bordeaux, December 4.

England beat France by 13 points to seven in the Rugby League International match here this afternoon.

The game was played in misty weather before a capacity crowd of 23,000, which included a party of British naval officers, M. Chaban-Delmas, the Mayor of Bordeaux, and M. Combes, Prefect of the Gironde Department, who shook hands with the teams before the match began.

Hilton scored between the posts in the third minute and Ward converted to give England an early advantage and there was no change in the score before half-time.

It was not long before France had taken the lead, Luis Aubert first scoring with a free kick and Canonini crossing. The English line for Aubert to convert and the home side were in front at 7-0.

Triol restored the advantage to England by touching down behind the line and then Ward missed with a free kick at 30 yards.

Following a series of short passes Geo scored for England and Ward converted to give England their advantage of 13-7 by which they won.—Reuter.

### NAAU To Meet In San Francisco

New York, December 3.

The National Amateur Athletic Union announced today that bidding for the major 1950 championship site plus action on 83 proposed rule changes and 13 record applications will head the agenda at the group's 61st annual convention to be held in San Francisco on December 8-11.

Most important of the proposed rule changes is a move to bar foreign athletes from competing in American title events. The 13 record applications which will be up for approval include 16 marks of world record status in track and field, swimming and weight lifting.

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